

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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May 19, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

45 May 19, 2015

PATRICK O AWA ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT AND ADVERTISE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
HACIENDA BOULEVARD – THREE PALMS STREET
TO HALLIBURTON ROAD
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve and advertise the Hacienda Boulevard – Three Palms Street to Halliburton Road landscape improvements project in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for the Hacienda Boulevard Three Palms Street to Halliburton Road landscape improvements project, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$600,000 and \$825,000.
- 3. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be

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received before 11 a.m. on June 16, 2015, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively, and (2) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt the plans and specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing enhanced aesthetics and improving the quality of life for community residents.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$600,000 to \$825,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,200,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility clearances, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

Financing for this project is included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the landscaping improvements is estimated to be \$11,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2015-16, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Annual Road Construction Program to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' program for landscape improvements. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in September 2015 and be completed in November 2015.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (h), 15303(e), and 15304(b); Class 1, Subsections (s), (x)(9), (x)(13), (x)(14), and (x)(22); Class 3(b); and Class 4(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for repair and maintenance of irrigation systems, parkway tree planting, installation of sprinkler systems, reconstruction of existing roadway sidewalk including the removal of those trees that are the cause of the damage requiring reconstruction, maintenance of existing roadway facilities, construction of accessory structures, and new gardening or landscaping.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Board will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

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# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving the aesthetics of the community.

# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

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